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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

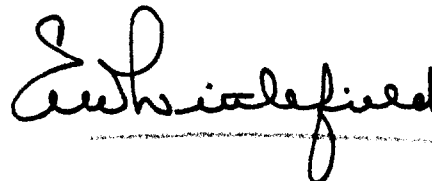
I keenly appreciate your reply to my letter of July 11.

You are, as I suspected that you would be, a reasonable man. Your reply indicates that the areas of agreement between us are greater than those in which we differ. Dr. Dubos' letter did indicate to me that NRDC advocates the total abolition of strip mining and with this I disagree. The evidence suggests to me that there will be passed in the Congress legislation that will control surface mining, and my view would be to give the legislative process a chance to function before pursuing the litigatory proceedings, but here you and I may have an honest and understandable difference of opinion.

It has been my hope that matters of important public policy could be decided by reasonable men examining facts and reasoning together in the hope of finding the best answer from the standpoint of the public interest. I cannot help but feel that this process will serve society better in the long run than confrontation in which each side expresses extreme views in inflammatory language.

From our exchange of correspondence I respect your views, even though we differ on some points. I am appreciative of your suggestion that I might be allowed to furnish a rebuttal statement. However, I am content to let the matter rest with this exchange of correspondence between us.

With thanks and best wishes,



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